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To the Director:

Less than a month ago we received a letter from Congress saying that there would be no further action on closing our post office until May 15, 2012, so everyone in Badger, IA thought well, good, we don't have to worry about making changes until then. Now, today, we find out that this is going to go forward on January 21, 2012. We do not feel, the postal service has provided enough lead time for the residents to make plans.

Some of our residents have left or will be leaving shortly to go south for the winter. Some of us would be changing to home delivery and do not have mail boxes at our home. I don't know if you've ever tried to dig a hole in frozen ground, but it's not easy, and there is no information if or where cluster boxes would be located.

We would like to see this decision changed back to at least the May 15, 2012 date to give time for the Postal Service to communicate to the residents on what their plans are for postal service, holding mail, etc. that would allow the residents of Badger, IA to make plans on what they will be doing for USPS service. January 21 is less than a month away, it's winter in Iowa and this plan does not accommodate the people paying your wages.

Thank you.

Terry & Judy Kahler

Cc: Tom Latham, Congressman, 4th District of Iowa

Tom Harkin, Senator from Iowa Charles Grassley, Senator from Iowa

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